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Speaking in so large a place as the Coliseum was new to him, Dr. McWhorter explained, and he wanted to find how loud he would have to pray so every one could hear.

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Mr. Hitchcock is working for Wood exactly as he worked and schemed for Charles E. Hughes in the election primaries of 1916. He did what he could, although hampered by divided authority, to clear the ground before the convention met. Now that it is on the point of meeting he is going to chairman, using no one knows what persuasion. All of this may have a bigger effect than a lot of wisecracks now being predicted. While claims are made that Wood will not amount to much at this juncture, nevertheless it is interesting to know that the Wood people claim 325 votes on the first ballot, with from 80 to 100 in reserve. If you get the great bulk of the delegates to within 70 or 80 votes of the nomination.

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one of the minor phases of the great mystery. This morning there were disclosed through the lobby yellow slips of paper reminding the ordinary blanks used by the Western Union. Upon this was typed this deplorable message: "Lowden out. Wood out at 350. Johnson out. Turn to Hughes or Harding."

It was unsigned and the author has been undiscoverable. The fatherless message expresses, nevertheless, the ideas of a good many delegates and a pile of visitors who are just ideas in this convention. Anybody is free to guess and then guess again.

The chatter against Hughes that he has hurt himself by becoming counsel for Mr. Wood of the Woolen Trust, and that it doesn't do any good to say he balanced this by counselling the miners and sticking up for the New York Legislature Socialists, has little effect on wisecracks. In politics, they opine, nobody would be pleased. But the bad management of the Hughes campaign in 1916 will not down in the minds of many, and the argument is advanced that a man who couldn't run his campaign any better than the campaign of 1916 was conducted ought not have another chance.

This is the talk that one hears, however unkind or unjust it may be. Still, and all the name of Hughes sticks at the back of a lot of minds, and if that committee of twenty seriously gets down to the business of handpicking the here any one can wager than Charles E. Hughes will be among those present.

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CHICAGO, June 7.—Despite the utmost efforts of the leading candidates for the Republican Presidential nomination to prevent their instructed and pledged delegates from wabbling in their support there were unmistakable signs to-day that no candidate will be able to hold his lines intact. The break is likely to appear earliest in the camp of Major-Gen. Wood. The first indication of it came this afternoon in the delegation from Kansas and neighboring middle Western States, upon whom the Wood managers have been confidently counting but who are now talking of a compromise.

As for Coolidge, he is in the running with the handicap of being provincially rather than nationally and widely known. To-day they were swinging him and mightily. Senator Johnson is speaking along with his friend Senator Borah in the Auditorium to-night before a crowd whose ears are not without the loop, and Congress street is jammed solidly with thousands who would buy their way into the hall for a taste of the Johnsonian oratory, if they could get the chance.

Moreover, out of the day's crop of rumors have sprung several that seemed quite favorable to Johnson. The leading bit of gossip is that there is a possibility of a combination between Johnson and Harding, with the suggestion of a ticket entitled Johnson and Harding, readily softened down by safe and sane conservative and what could be sweeter.

More optimistic talk had it that there is a lot of Johnson sentiment in the Pennsylvania delegation, the quaint 76 who are doing a lot of diverting things without the guiding hand of Bolivar, and that there are New York delegates for the Californian.

Perhaps the most cheering news that reached the Johnson camp to-night was that there is a disposition to nominate Johnson provided he will accept the Lodge reservations to the peace treaty and League of Nations, or a modification of them. Nobody doubts that Johnson will pull in his horns just a bit on the bitter end business if pushing in should mean a nomination for Johnson as a politician. But how about Borah? It is typical of this convention that when any compromise is suggested, somebody or something plants himself or itself in the road and grows fiercely.

The Johnson people refrain still from putting a figure to the nomination, stating broadly that they will have more than 200 on the first ballot, and with a vast amount of second choice reserve votes. That may all be true, but it is no secret that the Senator plans to bid his way to the nomination. Over, under, around or through is the motto of the Johnson outfit. They may lose but they are not going to let the convention of 1920 be the dull affair of 1916.

This shall come to pass because Senator Lodge, no mean fighter himself at catch weights, served notice this morning that if anybody wants to go to the mat in the convention over the treaty and League of Nations, he, Lodge, is more than willing. Johnson seems to be more than willing. The truth is, the treaty and League of Nations attitude assumed by the Senator from California is one of his biggest handicaps. Two persons out of three who are asking the question: Can the Republican party afford to nominate a biter ender?

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CHICAGO, June 7.—The Supreme Court's decision in the prohibition cases "the liquor traffic as dead as slavery," Wayne B. Wheeler, counsel for the Anti-Saloon League, who is here attending the Republican Convention, declared to-day in a statement on the decision.

"The victory is the more significant," said Mr. Wheeler, "because of the unprecedented fight made against it by the liquor interests and the eminent counsel which they retained. These decisions mark the culmination of the greatest victory for moral and social reform ever achieved by a self-governing people."

The remaining part of the contest now